

## [CHAPTER 533]

## AN ACT

June 19, 1948  
[H. R. 4244]  
[Public Law 702]

To authorize assistance to certain veterans in acquiring specially adapted housing which they require by reason of the nature of their service-connected disabilities.

Disabled veterans.  
Specially adapted  
housing.

48 Stat. 8.  
38 U. S. C. § 701;  
Supp. I, § 701 note.

38 U. S. C. note foll.  
§ 739; Supp. I, note foll.  
§ 733.

38 U. S. C. note foll.  
§ 739; Supp. I, note  
foll. § 733.

Eligibility for hous-  
ing with special fix-  
tures.

Limitations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1, title I, Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, approved March 20, 1933, as amended, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection known as subsection (g) and to read as follows:

“(g) Any person who served in the active military or naval service of the United States who is entitled to compensation under the provisions of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, for permanent and total service-connected disability due to spinal-cord disease or injury with paralysis of the legs and lower part of the body shall be entitled to assistance in acquiring a suitable housing unit with special fixtures or movable facilities made necessary by the nature of the person's disability, and necessary land therefor, subject to the provisions and limitations of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, part IX.”

SEC. 2. Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new part to be known as part IX and to read as follows:

## “PART IX

“1. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to assist any person (hereinafter referred to as ‘veteran’) who served in the active military or naval service of the United States, who is entitled to compensation under the provisions of this regulation for permanent and total service-connected disability due to spinal-cord disease or injury with paralysis of the legs and lower part of the body in acquiring a suitable housing unit with special fixtures or movable facilities made necessary by the nature of the veteran's disability, and necessary land therefor: *Provided*, That the regulations of the Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, provisions requiring findings that (a) it is medically feasible for such veteran to reside in the proposed housing unit and in the proposed locality; (b) the proposed housing unit bears a proper relation to the veteran's present and anticipated income and expenses; and (c) that the nature and condition of the proposed housing unit are such as to be suitable to the veteran's needs for dwelling purposes.

“2. The assistance authorized by paragraph 1 shall be limited in the case of any veteran to one housing unit, and necessary land therefor, and shall be afforded under one of the following plans, at the option of the veteran, but shall not exceed \$10,000 in any one case—

“(a) where the veteran elects to construct a housing unit on land to be acquired by him, the Administrator shall pay not to exceed 50 per centum of the total cost to the veteran of (1) the housing unit and (2) the necessary land upon which it is to be situated;

“(b) where the veteran elects to construct a housing unit on land acquired by him prior to application for assistance under this part, the Administrator shall pay not to exceed the smaller of the following sums: (1) 50 per centum of the total cost to the veteran of the housing unit and the land necessary for such housing unit, or (2) 50 per centum of the cost to the veteran of the housing unit plus the full amount of the unpaid balance, if any, of the cost to the veteran of the land necessary for such housing unit;

"(c) where the veteran elects to remodel a dwelling, which is not adapted to the requirements of his disability, acquired by him prior to application for assistance under this part, the Administrator shall pay not to exceed the total of (1) 50 per centum of the cost to the veteran of such remodeling, plus (2) the smaller of the following sums: (A) 50 per centum of the cost to the veteran of such dwelling and the necessary land upon which it is situated, or (B) the full amount of the unpaid balance, if any, of the cost to the veteran of such dwelling and the necessary land upon which it is situated; and

"(d) where the veteran has acquired a suitable housing unit, the Administrator shall pay not to exceed the smaller of the following sums: (1) 50 per centum of the cost to the veteran of such housing unit and the necessary land upon which it is situated, or (2) the full amount of the unpaid balance, if any, of the cost to the veteran of such housing unit and the necessary land upon which it is situated.

"3. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to furnish to veterans eligible for assistance under this part, without cost to the veterans, model plans and specifications of suitable housing units.

Model plans and specifications.

"4. Any person who accepts the benefits of this part shall not by reason thereof be denied the benefits of title III of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended.

58 Stat. 291.  
38 U. S. C. §§ 604-604j; Supp. I, §§ 604, 604h notes.  
Post, p. 1275.

"5. The Government of the United States shall have no liability in connection with any housing unit, or necessary land therefor, acquired under the provisions of this part."

SEC. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

Approved June 19, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 534]

### AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance by the Secretary of the Interior to the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, of certain lands lying in the bed of Roaches Run, Arlington County, Virginia, and for other purposes.

June 19, 1948

[H. R. 4455]

[Public Law 703]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant and convey to the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia, its successors or assigns, all of its right, title, and interest to a tract of land comprising five and thirty-three hundredths acres, located in Roaches Run, Arlington County, Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Co.  
Conveyance.

Beginning at the point where the 1863 high-tide line intersects the southeasterly line of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad industrial right-of-way, said point being also on the easterly line of the property formerly belonging to Mary E. Cullinane, now Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad; thence, along said line of said industrial right-of-way by a curve to the right with a radius of eighteen hundred and sixty feet, an arc distance of fifty and fifty-three one-hundredths feet (the chord of which bears north forty-five degrees fifty-nine minutes twenty-seven seconds east fifty and fifty-two one-hundredths feet); thence, following along the line of property belonging to the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, the following courses and distances: South seventy-six degrees thirty-eight minutes thirty seconds east one hundred and thirty-five and ninety-seven one-hundredths feet; south sixty-eight degrees thirty-